



## Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski

January 7, 1964 - March 17, 2013

Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski, 49, formerly of Benton, died unexpectedly Sunday, March 17th, 2013 at his home in Briar Creek Township.

Born January 7th, 1964 in Peru, Indiana, he was a son of Ronald L. and Carol J. (Whitesell) Grabowski, of Berwick and also formerly of Benton. He and his wife, Kelly L. (Stackhouse) Grabowski, were married on September 26, 2010.

Doug was a 1982 graduate of Benton High School where he was an excellent basketball player. He attended Luzerne County Community College for two years and served his country in the U. S. Air Force for four years.

He had been employed as a sales representative at Homestead Furniture in Nescopeck since 1998. He had previously worked for Howell's TV and Flick Brothers in Bloomsburg.

Doug was a member of the Dallas Baptist Church and also had attended the Bloomsburg Southern Baptist Church.

An avid outdoorsman, he was a member of the North Berwick Hunting and Fishing Club. He loved to fish and would hike back to Lake John to fish. He also enjoyed vacationing on Black Lake in New York. He was an avid Orioles fan and enjoyed playing golf and listening to music. He loved spending time with family, friends and his cat, Lily.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents are a brother, Mark Grabowski and his wife, Beth, of Bolivar, Missouri; a sister, Catherine Kline and her husband, Matthew, of Berwick; 2 nieces: Amy Varner and Christine Kline; 2 nephews: Jim Grabowski and Ryan Kline; his mother and father-in-law: Guy

and Nancy Stackhouse of Benton; a sister-in-law, Brenda Fry of Bloomsburg and nephew, Braydon Fry. He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Michael Fry on September 26, 2010.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 4383, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

# Cemetery Details

## Benton Cemetery

Cemetery Hill Rd  
Benton, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McMichael Funeral Home, Inc.  
4394 Red Rock Rd.  
S.R. 487  
Benton, PA 17814  
(570) 204-0858  
info@mcmichaelfuneralhome.com

## Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAR **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Burns lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Carol Burns** - November 20, 2014 at 08:24 PM

BG

“ *My condolences to Kelly and the Grabowski family. Doug was a fine person who brought a smile to everyone he met. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

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**Bill Garrison** - March 24, 2013 at 04:38 PM

Naomi Reynolds

“ *So sorry Aunt Carol and Uncle Ron. May you find peace and comfort in this difficult time. Praying for you and the rest of the family.*



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**Naomi Reynolds** - March 22, 2013 at 06:32 PM

DS

“ *Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pour through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. Shine on Doug. Love you.*

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**Dianne Steele** - March 22, 2013 at 07:38 AM

CK

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Cathy Kline** - March 22, 2013 at 06:34 AM

 Tracy  
Meade-  
rekus

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Kelly and the rest of the family. Kelly you will always have your friends around if you need anything. You are a strong woman, but it is ok to cry when you need to. Doug will be in your heart forever and ever. <3*



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**Tracy Meade-rekus** - March 21, 2013 at 09:50 PM

AC

“ *High school was so much fun with Doug around! He always made me smile or laugh. I'm so very sorry for the Grabowski family. Thoughts and prayers to all. RIP DOUG*

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**Alliosn Cross** - March 21, 2013 at 07:14 PM

FN

“ *Frank Newhart lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Frank Newhart** - March 21, 2013 at 06:12 PM

SF

“ *Shelley Farrell lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Shelley Farrell** - March 21, 2013 at 05:24 PM

TM

“ *Tara, Billy, And Mikaila lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Tara, Billy, and Mikaila** - March 21, 2013 at 12:47 PM

GR

“ *Doug was always a great salesman and a perfect gentlemen. He will be missed*

*George Remphrey*

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**George Remphrey** - March 21, 2013 at 09:59 AM

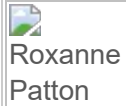
BB

“ *I've known Doug for the past few years. He was a great guy; he was good hearted and sincere. My condolences to Kelly and his family and friends.*

*Brad Bittner*

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**brad bittner** - March 21, 2013 at 09:37 AM



Roxanne Patton

“ *Roxanne Patton lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Roxanne Patton** - March 21, 2013 at 09:00 AM

MF

“ *Missy Hartkorn Farver lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**missy hartkorn farver** - March 21, 2013 at 06:51 AM

TF

“ *Thoughts and Prayer to the entire family.*

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**The Wallace Family** - March 21, 2013 at 06:12 AM

EL

“ *Ethel Litwhiler lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Ethel Litwhiler** - March 21, 2013 at 04:21 AM

FS

“ *Frank Steinruck lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



Frank Steinruck - March 20, 2013 at 10:50 PM

BH

“ *Condolences to the Grabowski family. Larry & Bert Hayman*



Bert Hayman - March 20, 2013 at 10:48 PM

ML

“ *Our condolences to the entire Grabowski family in the loss of Doug. From what others have written, it is evident that the enthusiastic, fun-loving guy we knew in high school continued to liven things up wherever he went in the years since then. May God comfort you each step of the way as you grieve. We are sorry for your loss!*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Eric & Maureen (Maier) Longnecker*

Maureen Longnecker - March 20, 2013 at 10:10 PM



“ *Beth Natale lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



Beth Natale - March 20, 2013 at 09:32 PM

Tim  
Franklin

“ *Tim Franklin lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Tim Franklin** - March 20, 2013 at 09:08 PM

CD

“ *Cross Family Dentistry lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Cross Family Dentistry** - March 20, 2013 at 07:57 PM

MR

“ *Mary Rundle lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Mary Rundle** - March 20, 2013 at 06:51 PM

MR

“ *Doug was a great person,my Husband & I went to school with Doug.At 6ft.something,this tall lanky(always smiling,laughing) guy was an awesome basketball player.He & Fred Lameroux could make anyone laugh who was having a bad day.He will be missed.*

*William & Mary Rundle*

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**Mary Rundle** - March 20, 2013 at 06:44 PM

AC

“ *Ron, Carol and Family:*

*We would Like to express our sympathy to you and your family.  
You are in our thought and prayers.*

*Love and Prayers*

*Alvin & Phyllis*

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**Alvin Cragle** - March 20, 2013 at 02:56 PM


LS

“ *When anyone says Doug, everyone smiles. Just a great guy and  
awsome friend. Aahhh. the memories. My life and the lives of my  
children are better for having known him. i hope him and Jess are in  
heaven right now sharin a beer and jammin to some chili  
peppers. Gonna miss my friend so much. I hope there is a family fun  
night in heaven.*

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**laurie schumacher** - March 20, 2013 at 07:46 AM

 Robin  
Neary

“ *Sorry for your loss he will me missed*



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**Robin Neary** - March 20, 2013 at 07:42 AM

TH

“ I was blessed to have known Doug,he was such a happy person.He always had a smile on his face and kind words.I have not seen him much since school but will always remember him.My condolences go out to your family,he will be greatly missed by all..Rest in peace buddy.

Tina Young Haught - March 20, 2013 at 06:55 AM

ME

“ Mik Eichner sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



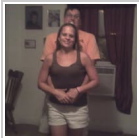
Mik Eichner - March 20, 2013 at 12:39 AM

BO

“ Kelly, I was very sadden to hear of Doug's sudden death, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family and all of the Grabowski family. I am sure Doug will live in all of our hearts forever. God Bless



Bonnie(Houseweart)Young&Joyce(Houseweart - March 19, 2013 at 10:33 PM



“ Leroy Force lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



Leroy Force - March 19, 2013 at 10:12 PM

DO

“ Darla Orzo sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



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**darla orzo** - March 19, 2013 at 10:00 PM

DO

“ Darla Orzo lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



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**darla orzo** - March 19, 2013 at 09:57 PM

FJ

“ Fawn Hubler Jolly lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



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**Fawn Hubler Jolly** - March 19, 2013 at 07:57 PM

TB

“ Very sad, yet I can take joy in Doug's memory. May God bless your family. Tom Benjamin

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**Tom Benjamin** - March 19, 2013 at 07:29 PM

KA

“ Knew Doug as a friend and as a customer at Homestead, will truly be missed by all who knew him.

KayStanton - March 19, 2013 at 06:50 PM

KA

“ KayStanton lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



KayStanton - March 19, 2013 at 06:49 PM

MN

“ Mike Newhart lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



mike newhart - March 19, 2013 at 06:01 PM



“ I am really very saddened to hear of the death of my sweet buddy. He was a great person in school and a brother of my life. He always made me laugh until we cried from laughing so hard. He played 'Loverboy' all the time in his car when we out. ;-) He loved to rock out besides playing every sport in school. He was fun to be around and talk to. He was open and kind to all. He had a neat way to make you feel special and loved. Smile because he is with our Lord now and we had the chance to know someone very AWESOME! I love you my brother in life. Rest in Paradise, Dude. Douuuuglas....Gonna' miss saying that. I can't believe you're gone now.

Thomas Cundiff - March 19, 2013 at 05:13 PM

JP

“ Can't believe you are gone Doug. Had the pleasure of meeting you back in 1980 when I moved to Benton. Got to play basketball with you, damn you were good! Also got to hang out with you at parties, concerts, etc. always a great time. Everyone is right, Doug always had a big smile on his face and he always made you feel like you never left since the last time he saw you. I will miss you very much Doug. Thinking of your family..... and Doug Rest in Peace brother.

Jake Percey

Jake Percey - March 19, 2013 at 04:53 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Schrader lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



Yvonne Schrader - March 19, 2013 at 04:05 PM

JT

“ I was shocked to hear of Doug's passing. I'm still reeling about the news. I was in Doug's graduating class of 1982. I knew him in 1980 when we (my brothers Steve and Kris) moved to Benton from Nebraska. I grew to know and love Doug as a brother and friend. My condolences go out to his family and his wife, Kelly. He'll live in our hearts forever. Rest in Peace, brother.



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**Johnathan Michael Thompson** - March 19, 2013 at 03:55 PM

BS

“ I remember a man running around Montage mountain saying he was Manny Sistrom and he played for the 49ers. There were so many good times thanks to Doug and everyone loved him. Our condolences to his family and wife Kelly.

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**Bradleyand Stacy Stackhouse** - March 19, 2013 at 03:42 PM

RA

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Rach** - March 19, 2013 at 02:31 PM

RS

“ *Don't be dismayed at goodbyes, a farewell is necessary before you can meet again and meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends. - Richard Bach*

*I will miss you my dear dear friend. Rest Easy Dougie- until we meet again. XOXO*

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**Rachel Strauser** - March 19, 2013 at 02:20 PM

FL

“ *"My heartfelt sympathy to Doug's entire family, the news of his death has me in a fog over the last few days...they called us the 'Daily Double' in High School because we were always together, he taught me how to be a 'Best Friend', and although it's tough to stay that close forever due to distance and life, the memories i made with both him and his loving family will be with me me forever. I'm unable to return home for my friend's services due to work commitments in SC, but this weeks 'Show's' will be dedicated to him in spirit and comments...the funnier one of both of us..I Love You Doug..FRED LAMOREAUX*

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**FRED LAMOREAUX** - March 19, 2013 at 01:19 PM

“ You would know the secret of death.

*But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?  
The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day cannot  
unveil the mystery of light.*

*If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide  
unto the body of life.*

*For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.*

*In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of  
the beyond;*

*And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of  
spring.*

*Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.*

*Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd when he  
stands before the king whose hand is to be laid upon him in honour.  
Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling, that he shall wear  
the mark of the king?*

*Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?*

*For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into  
the sun?*

*And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its  
restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God  
unencumbered?*

*Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.  
And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin  
to climb.*

*And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly  
dance.*

*On Death*

*Kahlil Gibran*

*Sure am gonna miss ya buddy. Always in my heart and memories.  
We had a lot of great times over the years. Things wont be the*

*same without ya. Til i see ya again bub. love ya.*

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**Kiff** - March 19, 2013 at 01:06 PM

CF

“ *My condolences & my Sympathy to Doug's wife and family... I'm shocked. Doug was in my class at Benton. Funny, laughing, goofing off...I don't ever remember him being angry. He helped make school more enjoyable. I'm saddened I'll never have the opportunity to sit down and catch up on life with him. It will have to wait for a later date.*

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**Cindy (Kriner) Thompson & family** - March 19, 2013 at 12:39 PM

JS

“ *There is much to remember and much to be thankful for as we remember Doug and the way he shared his life with those around him. Each of us gives gifts of ourselves to those we share life with. These are gifts that no one can take away. Though we are gone, these gifts remain with those to whom we have given them.*

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**Jeff Shannon** - March 19, 2013 at 12:38 PM

MM

“ *I was shocked to hear of Doug's sudden passing. He was a great guy and a great friend. I will never forget all the debauchery we got into. My condolences to his family. He will be missed. He always knew the right thing to do and say.*

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**Michael Metz** - March 19, 2013 at 12:11 PM



“ *He has gone fishing in the sky ... and his laughter echoes in our memories. What a guy, what a heart!*

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**Nicole Kilburg** - March 19, 2013 at 12:11 PM

BR

“ *B.J. Reabuck lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**B.J. Reabuck** - March 19, 2013 at 11:41 AM



“ *SuAnn Zenzel lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**SuAnn Zenzel** - March 19, 2013 at 11:18 AM

RU

“ *My condolences to the entire Grabowski family. Doug was always such a positive guy. He left this world way too soon, and I will never forget him. He talked me into enlisting in the Air Force, just as he did, and that was (and still is) one of the best things that has ever happened to me.*

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**Rick Vogel, Chief Master Sergeant, USAF** - March 19, 2013 at 11:09 AM

CS

“ Was so saddened to hear of Doug's passing. I knew the whole Grabowski family for a long time and knew them to fine upstanding wonderful people. Doug had such a spark for life and no matter how long it had been since you had seen him you could pick up right where you left off. My heartfelt condolences go out to Ron, Carol, Mark, Cathy as well as to his Aunts Janet and Alice. He will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all in this time of loss. Rest easy Doug.  
Charlotte (Babb) Sollenberger




Charlotte Sollenberger - March 19, 2013 at 10:58 AM

RR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Doug's passing. He had such a passion for soccer, basketball, selling and life and I loved talking with about them all. I will miss him!

Roger Ritchey  
Simmons Bedding Company

Roger Ritchey - March 19, 2013 at 10:50 AM

 Malisa Crane

“ Malisa Crane lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



Malisa Crane - March 19, 2013 at 10:50 AM

 Malisa Crane

He was such a good guy always smiling and happy my heart and prayers go out to his family

Malisa Crane - March 19, 2013 at 10:51 AM

JW

“ My heart and Prayers go out to the Grabowski family for their loss of Doug. He was a very kind person who ment the world to me. He will be missed by many. See you in Heaven my brother. LOVE YA.

Jeff Wolford - March 19, 2013 at 10:47 AM

SB

“ Simmons Beautyrest purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski.



Simmons Beautyrest - March 19, 2013 at 10:44 AM

DM

“ My prayers to your family, I have such wonderful memories as a child growing up with Doug ,Cathy and Mark in Sweet Valley at the Whitesell homestead. He was always so happy and smiling. I offer my sympathy.Cousin Daryl Hannis Metric

Daryl Metric - March 19, 2013 at 10:26 AM

AM

“ I remember Doug when I went to Benton High School. Bright red headed and tall man always cheerful and with a smile that would brighten the dullest of days. My condolences to the family of Doug. Although he is gone way too soon, he will never be forgotten and, I pray that God will hold you and the family in the palm of his hands as you go through this difficult time. God bless.



Anita DeWald Morgan  
Statesville, NC

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Anita DeWald Morgan - March 19, 2013 at 10:17 AM

CK

“ When ever Dougs name was mentioned, a smile just suddenly would appear on everyones face..That what we will remember about Doug. My family sends it condolences to his family. He was a big part of all of our lives and especially the kids, he was a constance source of entertainment. Im sure there is a Family Fun Night in Heaven! The Koons Family

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christine koons - March 19, 2013 at 09:58 AM

DW

“ I am saddened to hear of "Doug's passing. He was always such a bright, cheerful person and will be greatly missed. Please accept my sincere condolence. His memory will live on in the hearts of many he has touched through the years.

*May God grant him eternal peace and may he also give you strength in this time of sorrow.*

*May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort his wife and family in the days ahead.*

*Diana Westover*

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**diana westover** - March 19, 2013 at 09:51 AM

Leatha  
Madl

“ *Leatha Madl lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Leatha Madl** - March 19, 2013 at 09:50 AM

WK

“ *Wendy Kriebel lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Wendy Kriebel** - March 19, 2013 at 09:45 AM

TC

“ I am so sad to hear of Doug's passing. He and my late husband Chad were good friends and shared their hatred of being diabetic together. Doug was always so cheerful and always had a wonderful smile on his face. My condolences to his wife and family. The world has lost an awesome soul too soon... Tammy Chapin

Tammy Chapin - March 19, 2013 at 09:22 AM

SS

“ I am so saddened by the loss of Doug. My heart goes out to his family and friends. I know how much he will be missed! Dougie was like a father figure to many, but probably never realized it. I remember growing up, he would never treat you like a kid, he would always treat you as an equal, as a friend. It was never a bother for him to be around us “kids.” I think we entertained him as much as he entertained us. As years past, he always kept the friendships strong, and watched us grow into adults. For this, I will always be grateful. Dougie had the best personality and really knew how to light up a room with his smile and laughter. He was always so energetic and outgoing. Never a dull moment when Doug was around, you always knew you were going to have a fun time! I can hear him and Gorbey laughing and carrying on right now, being reunited.

Stephanie Bogert Steinruck - March 19, 2013 at 08:57 AM

CR

“ Cathy Ryman lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski



Cathy Ryman - March 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

Stacey  
Kline

“ *Stacey Kline lit a candle in memory of  
Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Stacey Kline** - March 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

Stacey  
Kline

*YOU WERE A BROTHER FROM ANOTHER MOTHER..... YOU WILL  
ALWAYS HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART.....SENDING  
PRAYERS OF COMFORT TO YOUR WIFE KELLY AND TO YOUR  
FAMILY..... YOU GAVE THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER TO SO MANY  
PEOPLE.....LET US REMEMBER THAT.....AS WE SADLY MISS  
YOU.....*

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**Stacey Kline** - March 19, 2013 at 08:40 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Bower lit a candle in memory of  
Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**carolyn bower** - March 19, 2013 at 08:31 AM

Wendy  
Laubach

“ *doug will be sadly missed by our family, but his  
memories will live on forever in our hearts!  
dave, wendy, tim and maranda laubach*



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**Wendy Laubach** - March 19, 2013 at 08:27 AM

AC

“ *Amy Crist lit a candle in memory of Douglas Neil "Doug" Grabowski*



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**Amy Crist** - March 19, 2013 at 06:51 AM

LH

“ *So sorry for your loss. I have known him and his family for many years. You will be missed dearly. Lori ,Lenny Hazlak and famly*

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**Lori Hazlak** - March 19, 2013 at 06:36 AM

MV

“ *We found much more than a good employee when Doug joined us, we found a good and loyal friend not only to us, but to our families as well. We will miss his enthusiasm, his jokes and stories, and his loud voice. Doug will always be a part of the Homestead family. He's probably up there right now swapping fish stories with Nate. Mike Vogt, Homestead Furniture.*

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**Mike Vogt** - March 18, 2013 at 07:07 PM

RS

“ *It hurts so much because you brought so much to our lives. We will miss you more than we can express. I know you are now in the comfort of the arms of Jesus, may he also comfort and strengthen all who miss you. Roy and Linda*

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**Roy Snyder** - March 18, 2013 at 07:04 PM

CS

*my thoughts and prayers go out to the whole Grabowski family we will all miss that laugh and smile.but most of all I will miss that love you bro when we were done talking followed with a hug.i will never forget our wiffle ball games in the bank parking lot.fishing west creek your dad singing come and bite on my hookie,i still sing that song.i could go on forever .im gonna miss ya RUGGIE and until we meet again love ya bro.....*

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**craig schaffer** - March 19, 2013 at 01:07 PM